T.V. Coverage of Religious Festivals

3155. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated an new policy for giving coverage to religious festivals and observances by Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) It has been decided that for covering religious events Doordarshan will henceforth use the same calendar of events as the All India Radio.

Advertisements Intruding the TV programmes

3156. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the number of ads that intrude in the midst of Doordarshan programmes tend to spoil the entertainment value thereof; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to reduce the number of such disturbing advertisements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Commerical advertisements, at present, feature only at the beginning or at the end of a serial programme. In case of longer duration programmes such as feature films sports telecast etc., commercial advertisements are shown during the intervals/natural break.

Installation of T. V. Transmission Station at Kodaikanal

3157. SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to instal a high power TV transmission station at Kodaikanal; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) A high power (10 Kilowatt) TV transmitter has been functioning at Kodaikanal since June, 1985.

Closing down of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station

3158. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajsthan Atomic Power Plant has been closed down; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) when was it last closed down, together with reasons therefor; and

(c) how many times it was closed during the last three years together with reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Unit-2 of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station is operating in a satisfactory manner. Unit-I has been shut down due to re-appearance of new cracks in its south end shield.

(b) and (c) Unit-I of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station was shut down in March 1982 due to cracks in the south end shield. After carrying out repairs the reactor was started on 1-2-1985. The reactor operated till 20-5-1985 when fresh cracks were noticed and once again the reactor was shut down.

Cases pending with Administrative Tribunals

3159. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases referred to Administrative Tribunals since their inception till date;

(b) the number of them pending disposal; and

(c) by when these are likely to be cleared?